(*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. Government regret their inabilty to place on the table the inspection reports received from their officers.

(*d*) The Director reports that he has paid eight visits to the three institutions during the year 1097, but he has made no detailed inspection.

(*e*) The Director obtains personal knowledge of the institutions referred to by occasional visits to them and by interviews and conversations with the Principals and members of the staff.

EXPENDITURE ON MINOR IRRIGATION WORKS.

63. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any special reasons for the expenditure on minor irrigation works of the State decreasing, instead of increasing, in proportion to the increase in the revenues of the State?

(*b*) Have the officers concerned submitted to Government any report relating to the execution of minor irrigation works in the agricultural areas of the Southern Division lying outside the area commanded by the Kodayar Project? Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on those reports? Will they issue orders to supply a statement relating to the same?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Reports from the Dewan Peishkars of Padmanabhapuram and Trivandrum and from the Chief Engineer have been received *in re* restoration of irrigation tanks in the Kalkulam, Eraniel and Vilavankod taluks after protracted negotiations with the ryots. The question is engaging the attention of Government.

KODAYAR P. W. DIVISION AND EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MR. ARUNACHALAM AIYAR.

64. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state for how many years Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar has now been in charge of the Kodayar Division?

(*b*) Has the Chief Engineer recommended to Government the transfer of Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar from the Kodayar Division?

(*c*) Are there any special grounds for ignoring the recommendation of the head of the department?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing how many contracts were given by Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar in 1097, without receiving tenders, and to whom they were given, against the provisions of the P. W. D. Code?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar has been in charge of the Division since the 20th May, 1915.

(*b*) In July, 1921, the Chief Engineer recommended his transfer to the Alwaye Division.

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*c*) In the interests and exigencies of the service it was not thought desirable to sanction the Chief Engineer's recommendation then.

(*d*) The member is referred to clause 1 of Chapter VIII relating to contracts in the P. W. D. Code. Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar has given no contracts in 1097 contrary to the provisions of the Code or without receiving tenders.

APPENDIX I.

(*Vide* ANSWER TO QUESTION No. 57.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

Read:—

(1) Representations made at the 11th session of the S. M. P. Assembly by Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, Member, Trivandrum taluk, *re* the stringency of the rules relating to the admission of students in the Intermediate class of His Highness the Maha Raja's College, Trivandrum, and the desirability of the Government exercising a more effective control over the College Council in the matter.

(2) Letter No. E. 888/321 of 13, dated the 12th March, 1915, to the Director of Public Instruction.

(3) Letter No. 400/1783, dated the 9th April, 1915, from the Director of Public Instruction.

At the eleventh session of the Assembly, Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, Member, Trivandrum taluk, represented that the large number of young men, who secure the Secondary School Leaving certificate every year, could not gain admission into His Highness the Maha Raja's College, Trivandrum, and have therefore to seek admission in the colleges outside the State. He stated that the standard of efficiency required of students for admission to the Intermediate class in His Highness the Maha Raja's College was being arbitrarily fixed by the College Council. He suggested that the Council should not possess the power of rejecting applications for admission into the College when the percentage of marks secured by the candidates conforms to the standard fixed by the Government or by the University. He added that the Government should exercise a more effective control over the College Council in this matter. The member's representations were forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks. Dr. Bishop has reported that the University has recently made certain rules to regulate the admission of holders of Secondary School Leaving certificates into the Intermediate class, which, though only recommendations for the ensuing year, are to be binding on the Principals of Colleges later on. In regard to the desirability of the College Council being more effectively controlled, the Director states that the minutes of the meetings of the Council are being duly scrutinised by him.

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